

Noggle, William

From: Noggle, William
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2013 3:00 PM
To: Jeff.L.Beach@uscg.mil; Melchers, John A CIV
Subject: FW: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT
Attachments: Wiring Statement CGC STORIS.pdf

Jeff, John,
Are you aware of this statement provided by a former USCG electrician's mate? Please give me a call.

Thanks,
Bill
[REDACTED] (mobile)

From: colby.self@gmail.com [<mailto:colby.self@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** Colby Self
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2013 12:44 PM
To: Noggle, William
Subject: Re: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Hello Bill,

There is one facility in Ensenada that I know of, I'll get that info over to you shortly. The vessel may already be there, but I've not yet gotten confirmation of that. The tug company that was contracted to deliver the vessel was Pacific Tugboat Service [619.533.7932](tel:619.533.7932), the VP is Stephen Frailey and he is very aware of the situation surrounding this vessel.

I also received the attached document in my inbox this morning that is concerning. The attached is a signed statement from electrician's mate EM2 Yoshua Eli, who was stationed aboard CGC STORIS and who has indicated that the ship contained a substantial quantity of original wiring that likely contained PCBs and which still had that wiring on board the vessel when he departed as part of the decommissioning crew in February 2007.

Thanks for your attention to this!

Best,
Colby

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On Fri, Nov 1, 2013 at 5:44 AM, Noggle, William <Noggle.William@epa.gov> wrote:

Colby,

Do you know what Mexican scrapper the STORIS is heading to, maybe it's already there?

Thanks,

Bill

From: colby.self@gmail.com [mailto:colby.self@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Colby Self
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 2:55 PM
To: Noggle, William
Cc: Olin, Joyce
Subject: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Greeting Bill,

I have been informed that a former USCG vessel, the CGC STORIS, was recently sold for scrap and is expected to cross over into Mexican waters in the next 2 hours, likely in violation of TSCA. I reviewed the PCB report as provided by the USCG; they state explicitly that for regulatory purposes, the vessel is assumed to contain PCBs in totally enclosed materials. I have also been in touch with a contractor that inspected the vessel prior to the auction and I was told that the vessel contains approximately 3% of the original electric wiring that very likely contains PCBs in excess of 50 ppm. The vessel was built in 1942.

BAN asks for EPA HQ to please notify the tug company immediately to halt the pending export. The tug that is pulling the vessel is the A.N. Tillett; its current location can be viewed here:
<http://new.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/367116840>

BAN is preparing a press release for distribution in the coming hours. We thank you for your proactive efforts.

Best,

Colby

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